

GRANT AND BADEAU.

When Grant wrote his personal memoirs he hired General Badeau as a secretary, and now the latter is suing Grant's widow for a share in the profits of the book, basing his suit on the claim that he wrote a portion of the book. In one of Grant's letters to Badeau occurs the following:

"You say that I am a man of affairs and can tell a simple story. You imply that a literary man must supply some of the deficiencies, and that you are the only man who can do it. If this is the case, General, I don't want a book bearing my name to go before the world which I did not write to such an extent as to be fully entitled to the credit of its authorship. As a soldier I wrote my own orders, plans of battle, instructions and reports. They were not edited, nor was assistance rendered. As President I wrote every official document I believe it is usual for Presidents to write, bearing my name. All these have been published and widely circulated, and the public has become accustomed to my writing. They know that it is not even an attempt to imitate either a literary or classical style; that it is just what it is and nothing else. If I succeed in telling my story so that others can see as I do what I attempt to show, I will be satisfied. The reader must also be satisfied, for he knows from the beginning just what to expect."

The above letter ought to have demonstrated to Badeau that he could not teach Grant anything in the way of writing clean cut, expressive Anglo-Saxon. Grant wrote as he fought, going directly to the point, without any flourishes or circumlocution.

No man ever wrote history that was cleaner cut or told more directly than Grant. Every reader understood every line of it.

Future historians will try in vain to catch the terse, happy style into which Grant fell naturally. He has "set the pace" for history writers, and he showed his good sense when he did not allow Badeau to spoil it.

A Nevada Scientist.

"Scientists are watching with great interest," says a dispatch from Cleveland, O., "the joint experiments of Prof. Michelson, of the Case School of Applied Science, and Morley, of Adelbert College, in an effort to determine the feasibility of making the wave length of light the ultimate standard of accurate measurement. Previous to their experiments, the limit at which interference of light had been secured was 50,000 wave length. On Friday they secured such interference at 250,000, and think the ultimate limit not yet reached."

The Prof. Michelson spoken of was sent to West Point from Virginia City, and has already made a broad mark by his investigations regarding the velocity of light. He is a brother-in-law of Arthur McEwen.

Reno is now clamoring for the Indian School on the ground that the Committee recommends that the words "Carson City" be stricken out of the bill. The citizens of Carson raised the money, purchased the ground and donated it to the Government. It would be a rank breach of faith to locate it anywhere else, and the Senate will not tolerate it.

A lady teacher of music out West inserted her professional card in one of the county newspapers. It was seen by an old lover in Chicago, who at once hunted her up, explained his absence of a quarter of a century and married her. It pays to advertise.

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SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Ormsby. Alzina B. Hoover, Plaintiff, vs. Geo. H. Hoover, Defendant. Action brought in the District Court of the State of Nevada, Ormsby County, and the Complaint filed in said County, in the office of the Clerk of said District Court on the ninth day of March, A. D., 1898.

The State of Nevada sends greeting to George H. Hoover, Defendant. You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named Plaintiff, in the District Court of the State of Nevada, Ormsby County, and answer Complaint filed therein within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons if served in said County, or if served out of said County, but within the District, twenty days, in all other cases, forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of said Complaint.

The said action is brought to obtain a decree of divorce setting aside and dissolving the marriage now existing between you and Plaintiff upon the ground of your neglect and failure for the period of more than one year, to furnish Plaintiff with the common necessities of life, which neglect and failure on your part have not been owing to poverty which you could not have avoided by ordinary industry.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to answer the Complaint, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her said Complaint. GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of Nevada, Ormsby County, this ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. WM. H. Y. DOANE, Clerk, H. F. BARTINE, Atty. for Plaintiff. mch20

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